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Title: Need to declare Malkangiri district in Odisha as a Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine District and start timely vaccination in the district.

SHRI BALBHADRA MAJHI (NABARANGPUR): Japanese Encephalitis outbreak in Malkangiri District of Odisha has already caused death of more than 100 children. The occurrence of Japanese Encephalitis was first reported in 2012. Since then Government of Odisha has been requesting the Central Government to include Malkangiri as a Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine District but Centre is yet to do the same. Timely vaccination of children could have saved these innocent lives.

It is, therefore, urged upon the Central Government to declare Malkangiri as Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine District and start timely vaccination.